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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, PP  
SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY STRIKE CONTINUES BUT CAMPUS  
ORDER RESTORED

REF: PORT MORESBY 0691

1. POLICE WITHDRAWING FROM UPNG CAMPUS MAY 12 ON REQUEST  
VICE CHANCELLOR LOHIA TO GIVE STUDENTS CHANCE TO RESTORE ORDER.  
106 STUDENTS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH RIOTOUS BEHAVIOR  
MAY 10-11, PLEADED NOT GUILTY BEFORE MAGISTRATE, AND WERE  
FREED ON K10 BAIL. CASES ADJOURNED TO JUNE.

2. ALTHOUGH VIOLENCE SUBSIDED, UPNG HAS NOT ACCEDDED TO  
STUDENT DEMANDS AND GPNG VOICING VERY TOUGH LINE. EDUCATION  
MINISTRY ANNOUNCED CUT-OFF OF ALLOWANCES FOR NATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS (OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF ALL STUDENTS)  
UNTIL ORDER RESTORED. GOVERNMENT RADIO ANNOUNCED NOON  
MAY 12 THAT PM SOMARE HAD "RELUCTANTLY" AGREED TO VICE  
CHANCELLOR'S REQUEST TO EXTEND MAY 11, 1800 HOURS DEADLINE  
BY WHICH STUDENTS WERE TO HAVE RETURNED TO CLASSES.  
SOMARE REPORTEDLY STATED HE WANTED REPORT ON UNIVERSITY  
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SITUATION BY EVENING MAY 15 AT WHICH TIME HE WILL CONSIDER  
REPORT AND IF PROBLEM UNRESOLVED, HE WOULD HAVE ALL  
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS WITHDRAWN AND WOULD CLOSE  
UNIVERSITY FOR THE "REST OF THIS SEMESTER, AT LEAST."  
NBC ALSO REPORTED THAT EVEN IF UPNG PROBLEM WERE RESOLVED,  
SOMARE WAS DETERMINED TO WITHDRAW NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS  
FROM ALL THOSE WHO RESORTED TO VIOLENCE.

3. MIN ED OFFICIALS TELL US THEY CONSIDERING INTERVIEWING EVERY STUDENT TO ASK IF HE OR SHE WILLING RETURN TO CLASSES AND, IF NOT, HANDING OUT TICKET HOME.

4. STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN LAE WALKED OUT ON MAY 11 IN SUPPORT OF COLLEAGUES IN MORESBY.

5. COMMENT: WITHDRAWAL OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS WOULD HAVE ENORMOUS IMPACT ON STUDENTS/UNIVERSITY. MOST STUDENTS ARE AT UPNG ON SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS WHICH PROVIDE TUITION, FEES, ROOM AND BOARD AND OTHER ALLOWANCES, INCLUDING POCKET MONEY. THOSE STUDENTS CONSTITUTE A PRIVILEGED ELITE IN PNG AND OFFICIALS DEEPLY RESENT THEIR ACTIONS.  
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